



Welcome Chancellor Kelli Brown

We welcomed our 12th Chancellor to Western on July 1.

Dr. Brown came to WCU from her role as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Georgia College & State University. In her opening address to the campus, she shared that she believes, "a post-secondary degree is critical for changing the trajectory of one's life and in turn their family's lives. It certainly has changed my life." Chancellor Brown is passionate about student success and stated that she will, "always put students first. My whole career, students have been my priority. I come into work on a daily basis thinking, 'what can I do to make sure that students are successful,' and I will continue to do that," she said. We are excited about the future of Western under the leadership of Chancellor Brown.



Fire Safety

The Department of Residential Living and the Division of Student Affairs take life safety-related issues extremely seriously. Several years ago, Western Carolina University was the first campus to install sprinklers in all residence halls. We are proud of our record with fire and life safety issues and want to ask you for your support in keeping our communities safe. I would appreciate it if you would have a related conversation with your student and use the following points as a guide:

- Participate and pay attention to all fire drills. There will be a minimum of two fire drills per semester. Anyone failing to evacuate during a fire drill or fire alarm could be subject to university disciplinary actions and/or criminal action.
- Evacuate a building immediately upon hearing a fire alarm. Do not hesitate, and move quickly to the nearest stairwell. The elevator will not be operable, so immediately follow the nearest evacuation route to the stairs or exterior exit doors and leave the building.
- Know the evacuation routes for your residence hall and move quickly to evacuate. In preparation, always keep any medication, keys, etc. in locations where you can grab them on your way out the door. If you can't grab them quickly, leave them and go. If you encounter smoke, stay low and again move quickly to evacuate.
- Please initially gather in the predetermined gathering areas away from the residence hall. You may be given

instructions or shared information to help you better understand the situation.

- Please check the residential living website for “The Guide to Residential Living” and read all information on fire safety, what to bring, what not to bring, etc. For example, candles and/or any appliance with a heated element or coil are prohibited. They are dangerous and have no place in the residence halls.
- Never tamper with fire safety/life safety systems or equipment such as fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads or valves, evacuation route signage, stairwell doors, etc. Anyone tampering with these systems or equipment could be subject to both university and criminal action.

- Please understand that based on the specifics of a particular situation, there may or may not be communications sent to parents. Also, if the situation warrants communication with parents, there may be a delay in those communications. Based on my experience, regardless of how fast we might communicate, it is quite likely that your student will call you before we have sufficient information to communicate.
- Please know that we have your student’s safety and well-being in mind. Every consideration and decision we make will be based on the students’ best interests.

Again, although these situations seldom occur, they are possible. Our fire drills will begin in a matter of days. I appreciate your understanding and willingness to have this conversation with your student. Thanks for your attention and support.

Keith Corzine
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Campus Services



Family Weekend

Family Weekend is a wonderful opportunity for family members and guests to visit their student and experience campus life. The September 15th registration deadline is quickly approaching. Don't miss out on this year's event. Join your Catamount for entertainment, football, tailgating, and much much more!

Family Weekend 2019 Information



Catch the Catamount Spirit - Freshmen Run

It is a Catamount Tradition! Each year new freshmen run across the field to escort the Football Team onto the field for the home opener. Assistance is available for students with accessibility needs. This is a once in a collegiate opportunity that your student will not want to miss! Please encourage them to attend. The year's event will begin at 4:30 pm on [Saturday, August 31st](#) for a 6:00 pm kickoff.



Greetings WCU Parents,

The highly anticipated WCU Football Home Opener & Fireworks Night is August 31st! **For those parents with WCU freshman, it's your chance to watch your son or daughter run across the football field just before kickoff! Last year approximately 1,000 students participated in the Annual Freshmen Run and a crowd of 12,111 were in attendance to watch the home opener.**

The Catamount football season starts with a bang as there will be a giant fireworks show following the game courtesy of Ingles, 99.9 Kiss Country and Star 104.3. For the first time since 1980, the Catamounts open the season with a home conference game, taking on the Mercer Bears at 6 pm at E.J. Whitmire Stadium. All fans are encouraged to wear purple for the **Purple Out**.

Current full-time students can purchase up to two guest tickets in the student section during each game. More details will be sent to your WCU student in the coming days.

If you should have any questions call the Catamount Ticket Office at 800.34.GOWCU. We look forward to seeing you at the games.

Home Opener

To purchase tickets to the home opener football game on August 31, click on the link below.

Opening Tickets

Family Weekend

For tickets to the October 5, Family Weekend football game click on the link below.

FW Tickets

Season Tickets

Season tickets start as low as \$90 for adults and \$55 for youth (3-12 years of age).

Season Tickets

GO CATAMOUNTS!

Code of Student Conduct

All WCU students are expected to be familiar with the Code of Student Conduct and to conduct themselves in accord with these requirements. To review the code go to wcucode.wcu.edu.

Emergency Preparedness

WCU has strategies in place to promote a safe environment and respond to emergencies as part of the institution's emergency preparedness efforts. For more information visit [here](#).

Campus Safety

The safety of your student is our number one priority. Please make sure your student knows important [safety tips](#) and how to get help on campus.

[Univ. Police](#): 828.227.8911

[Health](#): 828.227.7640

[Counseling](#): 828.227.7469



Mountain Heritage Day

Saturday, September 28th, 2019 - Named one of the top 20 events in the Southeast, Mountain Heritage Day is a festival not to be missed! Each year more than 15,000 visitors experience this one-of-a-kind event featuring three stages of live entertainment, 130+ food and craft vendors, tons of family-friendly activities, interactive kids area, along with performances and demonstrations celebrating the Southern Appalachian mountain culture. Admission and parking are free. [For more information.](#)



Important Dates

August 31	Freshmen Run / Football Home Opener
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
September 10	Chancellor's List Program
September 15	Family Weekend Registration Closes
September 20	Application Due for December Graduation
September 23	Fifth week grades
October 4 -6	Family Weekend
October 14 - 18	Fall Break

Student Activities Calendar



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